(SRI C. N. PATIL)

(*b*) Details of loan sanctioned to Sri Ramachandra Reddy:

		Rs.
1	Short term loan ..	300—00
2	Short term loan ..	500—00
3	Short term loan ..	2,000—00
4.	Medium term loan ..	1,330—00
5	Loans issued on the basis of stocks ..	200—00
	Rs.	4,330—00

(*c*) Out of the loans mentioned above the loans at Sl. No. 1, 4, 5 have been recovered by implementing the decrees obtained through the officers of the department. In respect of item Nos. 2 and 3 decrees have been obtained in the cases filed. Recovery proceedings are under way.

(*d*) In respect of short and medium term loans steps as per provisions of law are taken.

LEFT IRRIGATION SCHEMES OF MUNDARGI TALUK

861. Sri K. H. KURADAGI (Mundargi).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the stages at which the Lift Irrigation Schemes of Hammigi and Vitalapura in Mundargi taluk;

(*b*) when these works would be started?

Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(*a*) The estimates of both the schemes have been sanctioned.

(*b*) Necessary steps are being taken to start these works.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

(i) re: *Theft at MISL. Bhadravathi.*

Sri B. G. BANAKAR (Hirekerur).—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Industries and Parliamentary Affairs to the theft of iron and steel material belonging to MISL, Bhadravathi.

Sri N. HUTCHAMTSTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—Sir, On behalf of Sri S. M. Krishna, Minister for Industries—I beg to make the following statement :

As per the information available with the Company's Security Department, the Police seized a lorry bearing No. MYY 5544 at about 7-30 P.M. on 16th January 1974 when it was being loaded with scrap pieces, etc., in the Bhadravathi Old Town near the Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, B.H. Road, by Shri Abdul Basheer, son of Sattar Sab, Scrap Merchant and the same was taken to the New Town Police Station for further investigation. The contents of the lorry are reported to have been 6 pieces of Billet Cut ends (of 6 inches to 2 feet length), 3 fish plates and bones weighing about 2 tonnes. After seizure of the lorry, the Circle Inspector of Police, Bhadravathi, requested the General Manager of the Company to depute the officers of the production departments in the Company where such scrap and rubbish was being generated in order to identify whether these materials belonged to the Company. Accordingly, the following Officers of the Company were sent to the New Town Police Station to identify the materials :

1. Shri Nagaraja, Assistant Superintendent, L.D. Plant.
2. Shri Rodrigues, Assistant Superintendent, EAF.
3. Shri Chikkariyappa, Assistant Superintendent, Finishing Section.
4. Shri Chandrashekarappa, Senior Foreman, Steel Foundry.
5. Shri Nagappa, Superintendent, Open Hearth.

The Offices identified those materials as belonging to the Company and they have given their statements to the Police in the matter. The Police have registered a case under Crime No. 5/74, dated 17th January 1974. The identifying officers have valued the scrap at Rs. 1,000 and the investigation is stated to be still in progress.

After this incident, the Security measures in the Company have been tightened up with a view to avoid the transportation of any useful material along with the rubbish that is to be discarded outside the Factory premises. The loading in lorries and wagons of the rubbish in the departments where such rubbish is generated is now being done by the departmental employees under the supervision of the officers concerned.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಜಿ. ಬಣಕಾರ್.—ನನಗೆ ದೊರೆತಿರುವ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗಾದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪೋಲೀಸ್ರು ಸ್ವೇಷನ್ನಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು ಮೂವತ್ತು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಅಮೃವಹಾರಗಳಾಗಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಇದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕನ್ನಡಪ್ರಭಾ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲೂ ಕೂಡ ವರದಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಾಗ್ಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳೇ ಇತರರೊಡನೆ ಸೇರಿಕೊಂಡು ಇಂತಹ ಕಳ್ಳಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇನ್ನಾದರೂ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಜಾಗರೂಕತೆಯಿಂದ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಿ ಇಂತಹ ಕಳ್ಳಸಾಗಾಣಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟಲು ತಕ್ಕ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಇರಾಖೆಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳನ್ನೇ ಇಂತಹ ರಬ್ಬಿಷ್ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಕ್ಕ ಮೇಲ್ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ವಹಿಸಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮುಂಜಾಗರೂತೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನೂ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಹೇಳುವಂತೆ ಇದರ ನಷ್ಟ ಸುಮಾರು 30 ಸಾವಿರಕ್ಕೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಆದರೆ ನನಗೆ ದೊರೆತಿರುವ ಇರಾಖೆಯ ರಿಕಾರ್ಡುಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇದರ ನಷ್ಟ ಸುಮಾರು ನಾಲ್ಕು ಸಾವಿರ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಇರುವ ಸಾಧ್ಯತಾನುಗಳು ಎಂದಿದೆ.

(ii) *re*: attack of ear-head bugs (Makali) and rats to Jower and Wheat crops at Aland and Afzalpur

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR (Afzalpur).—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Forost to the damage caused to the Jower and Wheat crops due to the attack of ear-head bug (Makali) and rats and to the inability of ryots to pay levy in Aland and Afzalpur Taluks.

Sri K H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—Madam Speaker, I beg to make the following statement.

(1) A crop cutting experiment in Nandarga Village of Afzalpur Taluk, revealed that the average yield is 2 quintals per acre and the yield in better fields is 6 quintals per acre. The extent of attack of ear-head bug (Makali) on Rabi Jowar varies from 8% to 10% only. The cultivators did not take up plant protection measures inspite of advising them regarding the availability of Malathion Dust in Agro-Kendras at Alland and Afzalpur.

(2) The extent of damage caused to the Rabi Jowar and wheat in Aland and Afzalpur Taluks is as follows :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Taluk	Crop	Area sown	Area affected in Acres	Percentage affected
1.	Afzalpur	Jowar	85,000	6,800	8 percent
		Wheat	1,000	150	15 percent
2.	Alland	Jowar	1,85,000	15,000	8 percent
		Wheat	7,200	700	15 percent

(3) Wide publicity was also given through All India Radio and leaflets to take up rodent control measures under 50% subsidy Scheme but no cultivators came forward for protecting the crop. However the extent of damage caused to the crops is not much and this could have been avoided had the farmers taken up preventive measures as stated above in time. Nevertheless, it is estimated that 130-150 Kgs. of Rabi Jowar and 80-85 Kgs. of rainfed wheat and 8 to 9 quintals of irrigated wheat per acre is expected to be harvested.